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New York Nov. 29th 1849
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My dear Brother,

Your letter of Oct. 23 - gave me in-
expressible pleasure. It assured me of your health & in-
creasing honours - your good will towards me - the
welfare of your dear wife and our dear Chil-
dren. The only thing that struck us disagreea-
bly, was that part of your Epistle relative our
sending for the Children. And even this we readily
found a reason to pass over with forgiveness, by being
fully assured (as the face of your letter clearly allowed
it to be) that you never had not the market minutely
explaining the motives for sending for the boys and
the terms on which you were to send them.

Had this reached you, all would have been well
you would have been easy and my heart would
have been untroubled. The substance of this

was, as near as I can recollect, - that you should
lend the Lords 2 or 3 years to their fond parents
to leave the French and Spanish Languages
when you would come after them - take them
home and cause them to finish their edu-
cations. This was the plan - and who can
you resist against it? As to "temporary

views" you must look in for something else beside
my letters to find the information. Between

such a sentiment - and that of dependence

I hope I have the wisdom still to preserve the
happy medium. - A medium indispensably
necessary to preserve the esteem and the love of your own
heart

Burton. Pitt has returned, and left the Boys still
behind. Be it so: God in his Providence has seen fit
to disappoint me in the first wish ~~that~~ ^{which} that
filled my heart with rapture when waking and
haunted my pillow when asleep. —
In this I try not to murmur, — and hope I have
persuaded myself that all is yet for the best. — Some
reasons for which I begin to fancy I already see. —
The Town has been very sickly for ~~several~~ ^{persons} just arrived
from the northward since Mr P's return — and the weather
is still unpleasantly sultry. Perhaps this is one reason
the dear Boys might have been the sufferers by coming.
Another is, some very heavy pecuniary losses, which
greatly embarrass me & which by an other year or two we
hope to obviate.

I have great reason to be thankful that my own
health continues unimpaired. — I have become per-
fectly acclimated and think, with the Quakers, the
air & Country wholesome and pleasant. As to my
dear Wife — a northern Latitude is now out of the
question. The severity of one hard winter among you
would unquestionably be her Death. Even the little
cold we have here almost overcomes her. When
I reflect on the reality of these things a Return to
my native Land is just beyond the boundaries
even of Hope. Here I must stay — and may God
give me patience and resignation, though the wish
of again seeing my dear friends and Relations
never beams on my unhappy exile.
The permanency of an ecclesiastical Estab-
lishment still remains extremely problematical
— Vice — Infidelity — mercantile embarrassments
political feuds & jarring interests, have so disturbed

the waters - That the Peaceful Bark of the Blest
Jesus is perpetually in danger of being overwhelmed.
We have as a Dernier Resort applied to the
Church in W York for Support, and Succour. -
The Result is not yet known. - If they do
not assist us - all hopes of immediate Perma-
nency will have vanished. Whither then I shall
fly I know not. - But whatever I determine
my dear Brother shall be acquainted with, -
for, while no fault is attached to my own con-
duct - his esteem, love, and advice I am sure
I shall receive.

I am sorry you mentioned nothing in your
letter relative to my Business in Bough-
keeping. - Is it not worth attending to?
or did you forget it? - Pray revert to
my former Letters - and see what is to
be done and let me know how you in
your wisdom manage.

My dear wife begs to be kindly
remembered to all our friends. - Of my
own love and esteem they are sure forever.

Farewell, dear, dear, Brother! and dear
Sister! - Embrace the Boys for their fond but
exiled Parents!

Your loving Brother

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